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### FINE NEW DATE GROWN IN IMPERIAL VALLEY

El Centro, Cal., Oct. 13.—A new variety of date, declared to be larger, of finer texture and of a more delicious flavor than the well known Deglet Noor, has been developed from a Persian seed at the Imperial valley experiment station of the University of California.

I. B. Surry, date propagator at the station, who has cultivated dates in Persia said that he knows of no fruit similar to the new variety and that he has tasted few of a better flavor.

There were growing in the Imperial valley this year 20,546 date palms of all varieties, according to the report of the county assessor. While F. W. Walte, county horticultural commissioner, estimated that not more than 4,500 of these were in bearing, it was believed the total crop would be 450,000 pounds, valued at \$90,000.

The summer season of the valley is too short for the ripening of dates naturally on the trees and with the coming of cool nights, the bunches of fruit, weighing from 50 to more than 100 pounds, are cut and ripened artificially in ovens.

### ORGANIZING CLUBS IN HOME ECONOMICS

The extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college working through the district home demonstration agents desires to have organized in every community possible study clubs in home economics. The government, realizing the responsibilities which women are now being called to carry, is recognizing the need of giving assistance in the performance of household tasks.

Home economics study clubs are social as well as instructive in nature, and any existing women's organization may make use of the suggested program for this year. A definite plan of study is important and valuable to the success of any organization. Any club taking up the home economics study club work not only has a definite and excellent program to follow, but at the same time would be enabling the members to receive training equivalent to a short course in a school of home economics.

If homemaking and housekeeping are to keep pace with the other professions some intelligent study must be given them. No subject compares with housekeeping with its possibilities for improving the human race. Better homes, better schools, and better health will come only through scientific study on the part of the woman in the home. Housekeeping could be made easier and more interesting if modern sciences were utilized in the home.

Many women's organizations in the state are accepting the home economics study club programs as a basis for their work this year. Any existing organization such as Parent-Teacher associations, granges, farmers' unions, or women's clubs may enroll for this work. New community clubs in this county will be formed by Miss Anne McCormick, district home demonstration agent.

Bulletins dealing with home problems and the best standard books on home economics are available at Miss McCormick's office in Medford. The programs and suggestions for study club work will be sent out on request.

Home economics includes all the sciences that have relation to better living condition and that make for the most efficient home life. Below are suggested topics for study club work:

House furnishing and decoration. Correct combinations of foods. Food values. Principles of cookery. Better babies. Food for the child. Diet of the expectant mother. House sanitation. Study of textiles and care of clothing. Methods of cleaning. Lunches for school children. Household management. Correct table service. Household conveniences.



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In general, the captain's lay ranges from a fifteenth to an eighth, according to his whaling record. The mate and three lower officers, the four boat steersmen or harpooners, the cooper, steward, cook, carpenter, seamen and green hands receive proportionate shares, and so down to the cabin boy, whose lay is in the neighborhood of one two-hundredth, called the "long lay."

Thus the profit of each individual depends upon the success of the cruise. Ships have sometimes failed to pay for their fitting out. On the other hand, the Onward of New Bedford once returned with a catch worth at the prevailing prices \$385,000, of which the captain's lay was \$40,000 and that of the least member of the crew about \$2,000.—Associated Press.

### FUTURE OF THE HUMAN FOOT.

Is Man Destined to Lose His Toes in the Course of Time?

That the human race is slowly evolving toward a condition of clubfootedness is suggested by Dr. Truman Abbe of Washington in the Medical Record. Dr. Abbe points to the horse's hoof and its evolution from the five toed foot of the prehistoric horse by the dropping of one toe after another and the consolidation of the bones from the knee down.

"When we look at the human skeleton and compare the bone of the tibia and fibula and the digits beyond each of them," he continues, "it does not take much imagination to see suggested in the slender fibula and the diminutive little toes an early stage in the reduction process, which if carried further would lead to a diminution of the number of toes on man's foot."

And he closes his article with these words: "We come thus to the suggestion of clubfoot as a tendency toward the dropping of the post-axial digit group of the lower limb. And this dropping of a digit group would seem to be due to restricted development in the central nervous system—a factor that has been at work since before the days of the five toed horse."



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A certain schoolmaster had a particularly troublesome set of boys to deal with and consequently had to resort to a good deal to the influence of the cane.

One day when some unpardonable breach of discipline had been committed he stood with several of the ring-leaders in front of the class.

"Boys," said he sternly, "it seems to me that I have to work the cane a great deal more than I ought to work it."

"Yes, sir," retorted the demon of the class, with a significant look at the cupboard. "I shouldn't wonder if it goes out on strike soon."

And, sure enough, it did.—London ANSWERS.

### Persian Cookery.

Cookery among the well to do classes in Persia is extravagant, partly because they are lavishly hospitable, partly because all house servants are fed from the leftovers of the master's table. A favorite dish is the following: Small pieces of lamb of the size of a walnut are skewered on a slender rod of iron; two pieces of lean and a piece of the delicate fat of the huge tail of the oriental sheep are put on alternately, a soupcon of garlic or onion is added, and the kabab is roasted over a fierce fire and handed hot. It is eaten with a little salt and a squeeze of lemon. Tiny chickens, quails, pigeons, doves and young partridges are handed hot on the spit itself to each guest.

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